

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 27th 2000

Worked All Ireland Awards

Activity continues on the Worked All Ireland Net on 7.068 MHz on a daily basis and the past few days were notable for the number of mobile stations who were out and about. There is quite a scarcity of mobile operators in the southern half of the country with most of the activation being carried out by operators in the northern half. As the weather improves we look forward to hearing many mobile signals from Munster and South Leinster.

Declan EI9HQ has set up and maintains the Worked All Ireland Web Site and this site carries comprehensive information on all aspects of WAI.

Other EI awards are also covered, in particular the Cork Radio Club DX Award, the Worked All Mayo Awards and the Shamrock Award promoted by the International Police Association Radio Club.

The Worked All Ireland Books are now being distributed by Noel Mulvihill EI6HW.

The WAI Awards Manager is Tom Rea EI2GP and all award applications should be addressed to him at QTHR.

Limerick Radio Club

The A.G.M of the Limerick Radio Club will be held on Thursday March 9th 2000 in the Institute of Technology, Moylish at 1930 sharp.

All members are urged to attend.

Club chairman, Paul EI6FE is now available on email at the following address: ei6fe@eircom.net Any queries regarding the club or the forthcoming Limerick rally can be now emailed to him.

Brendan EI0CZ is at advanced planning stages for several special event operations using the call EI2MIL. The first of these is planned for the Limerick Inn, Hotel for the EI activity weekend.

The club is also at the final stages in organising sponsorship for their QSL cards for EI2MIL.

South Dublin Radio Club

A final reminder that the Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club will take place on Tuesday next the 29th of February at 8.00 p.m. in the club QTH at Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham. All members are requested to attend.

South Dublin Radio Club plans to return to Co. Leitrim again this year for the EI Activity Weekend. They will be active from 1200 to 1800 on Sunday 19 March, on 2 metres and HF.

Last year they operated from the shores of Lough Bo Dearg in Co. Leitrim and this year they will be in the mountains east of Lough Allen in the same county.

Millennium DX Marathon

All entries for the WestNet Millennium DX Marathon must be with Declan EI6FR by Wednesday next March the 1st. Any entries received after that date will not be considered.

Millennium DXCC Award

The DX Century Club, commonly known as DXCC, has been the premier award for HF operators and requires written confirmation of working at least 100 countries as per the official DXCC listings.

A special DXCC 2000 Millennium Award is available and to qualify you must work 100 or more current DXCC entities during this calendar year. Any combination of bands or modes is allowed. QSL cards are not required. Applicants must certify to the authenticity of log extracts submitted. The DXCC 2000 Millennium Award period began 0000 UTC on January 1, 2000 and continues through 2359 UTC on December 31, 2000.

Official application forms may be downloaded at www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc Forms also are available for an SAE plus one IRC. Send requests to DXCC 2000 Millennium Application, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, U.S.A.

Contests

The ARRL SSB Contest will be held next weekend over 48 hours starting at midnight Friday night. The aim is to work as many US states and Canadian provinces as possible. The exchange is RS and power output while the W/VE stations give RS and state or province.

The UBA CW Contest is on over the following weekend, the 11th and 12th and the Russian DX Contest in on over the 18th and 19th.

Dates for your Diary

An EI activity weekend is being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March the 17th to the 19th. We need as many counties as possible active.

The Limerick Radio Club will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel. Information from Paul EI6FE at 061-360122, evenings only The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th.

Enquiries to Stephen Hand GI7UIM/EI7FKB on 087-2932438.

The Worked All Ireland Island Activity weekend will be held over the third weekend in June, that's the 17th and 18th.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021-823172 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@eircom.net or to ei8ir@eircom.net Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR, on the phone at 01-4509514 or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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